



Washington Update

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Welcome to my Washington Update, an e-mail newsletter for the constituents of California's 29th Congressional District. Through these quick-read updates, I hope to keep you informed of progress being made in Washington, D.C. and at home on public policy issues of interest to our communities.

Commemorating the Tragic Events of 9/11

This week Americans gathered around the nation to reflect on the five years since the devastating attacks of September 11th. Rep. Schiff took part in two community events commemorating that tragic day – John C. Fremont Elementary School's Annual Patriot Day event in Glendale and Monterey Park's Annual Patriot Day Commemoration.

At the time of the attack on the Pentagon and the downing of the plane in Pennsylvania, Congressman Schiff was walking to the Capitol. "All Americans who witnessed the horrors of that day will not forget the senselessness of the bloodshed or the bravery of the first responders," Schiff said. "We continue to stand in solace with families who lost loved ones that day, and by our troops who continue to stand in harm's way."

Members Write to Senate Foreign Relations Committee Urging Opposition to Bolton Nomination

Last week, nineteen House Democrats joined Rep. Adam Schiff in sending a letter to Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard Lugar (R-IN) and Ranking Member Joseph Biden (D-DE) urging the Committee to oppose the nomination of John Bolton as the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was scheduled to hold a vote on Mr. Bolton's nomination last week. Due to concerns by Committee members raised about Mr. Bolton's nomination, many of which were expressed in the letter sent to the Committee, the vote on the Bolton nomination was delayed.

"This Administration, like its predecessors, has a broad pool of talent to choose from in filling this critical post," Schiff said. "At a time when Iran is thwarting the will of the international community, North Korea is testing

missiles, and the Middle East is a powder keg, Mr. Bolton has not demonstrated that he is the best choice for the job. And we need the best."

To read the letter Schiff sent to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee [click here](#).

Hundreds Attend Federal Fair to Learn about Federal Employment Opportunities and Resolve Issues with the Federal Government

Over four hundred constituents last weekend attended a federal fair hosted by Rep. Schiff. The federal fair provided constituents with information about federal agencies and career opportunities in the federal government. Senior representatives from over twenty federal agencies were on hand to answer questions about employment opportunities and to provide information regarding their services. At the fair, Rep. Schiff met with constituents and talked about his efforts in Congress.

Representative Schiff Pays Tribute to Hispanic Heritage Month

Today marks the start of Hispanic Heritage Month. Each year, Hispanic Heritage Month occurs from September 15 to October 15. In honoring Hispanic Heritage Month, Rep. Schiff stated: "During Hispanic Heritage Month, we honor the Hispanic community and pay tribute to the extraordinary contributions that Hispanics make to America year-round."

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